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Mr. Rob Feckner, Board President and
Members, CalPERS Board of Administration
400 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **VSP Eye Health Management Program**

Dear President Feckner and Members:

I am pleased to announce that all State of California employees will be participating in a new eye health management program designed by our vision care contractor, VSP. This program will provide a streamlined system for data exchange about our patients' eye exams and any abnormal findings, between the eye doctors and patients primary care physicians. The program will assist in providing early detection and treatment for conditions such as diabetes, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. Early detection is important in all of these conditions, and can reduce or prevent vision loss, and potentially avoid more costly treatment.

The State of California and VSP have partnered with Blue Shield to participate in this program, and we are excited about the opportunity to partner with all other CalPERS contracting health plans serving our State employees. I am requesting that time be included on the March HBC agenda so that CalPERS Board members have an opportunity to hear about this program to enhance employee wellness and disease management. The program will be offered by VSP to all contracting agencies in the future, so it is likely that some of the public agencies currently contracting with CalPERS will also be participating in the eye health management program.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Navarro
Director

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